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**Mail Stop Patent Application**

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**New U.S. Patent Application**

**Title: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, AND IMAGE PROCESSING PROGRAM**

**Inventor: Shoichi NOMURA**

Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application- 113 pages, including 15 independent claims and 18 claims total.
2. Drawings- 24 sheets of drawings containing 27 Figures.
3. Declaration and Power of Attorney.
4. Recordation Form Cover Sheet and Assignment to KONICA MINOLTA PHOTO IMAGING, INC.
5. Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-114339, filed April 18, 2003.
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<b>Basic Application Filing Fee</b>				<b>\$770</b>	<b>\$ \$770.00</b>
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Applicant claims the right to priority based on Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-114339, filed April 18, 2003.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or §1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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